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April 16, 2008

Mr. Timothy E. Eastep, Manager
Environment, Land & Water
Chino Mines Company
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RE: Conditional Approval of the Technical Memorandum: Data to Support Ecological Risk
Assessment dated April 2008
Hanover and Whitewater Creeks Investigation Unit (H/WCIU)
Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)

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Dear Mr. Eastep:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the revised Technical Memorandum, referenced above, on April 11, 2008. The NMED has completed a review of the document and Chino Mines Company (Chino) has adequately addressed the NMED comment letter dated March 26, 2008.

NMED approves the revised Technical Memorandum with the following conditions:

1. Chino shall submit a revised Table 6, indicating that the cadmium result exceeds the chronic aquatic life criteria for surface water.
2. Chino shall submit a revised Section 2.4.4, indicating that the cadmium result exceeds the chronic aquatic life criteria for surface water.

Please submit the revised pages, which will be inserted into the existing hard copies, and revised CDs for the repositories.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 388-1934.

Sincerely,

Phil Harrigan

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